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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES VS. ORSINI

REF: DAKAR 768

1. DEPT APPRECIATES INFORMATION IN REFTEL AND WISHES ADVISE EMBASSY OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. PROSECUTION OF ORSINI. ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY DE PETRIS WAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING LIST OF WITNESSES DEFENSE WISHES TO DEPOSE IN SENEGAL: CHARLES WADDY (ORSINI'S LAWYER IN DAKAR), DR. ALBERT JOSEPH GREENE (PEACE CORPS PHYSICIAN), FIVE PANAM EMPLOYEES IDENTIFIED AS SAMBA CHIEKH, JOSE LOPEZ, ABDON THIONGANE, NEOME DIAKITE AND MALAKI LY AND "AN UNNAMED ARCHITECT, WHO IS A CITIZEN OF SENEGAL." "UNNAMED ARCHITECT" NOT IDENTIFIED BY ORSINI DEFENSE COUNSEL INASMUCH AS HIS IDENTITY WOULD ALLEGEDLY PUT HIS LIFE IN JEOPARDY. WE ASSUME "UNNAMED ARCHITECT" WILL BE USED TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH DEFENSE ALLEGATION OF BRIBERY.

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2. AUSA DE PETRIS SAID DEFENSE COUNSEL TOLD HIM HE HAD

"PROOF" THAT DR. GREENE WAS NOT EMPLOYED BY PEACE CORPS. ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPT IS DR. GREENE'S CERTIFICATE DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1975 IN WHICH HE IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS "THE PHYSICIAN FOR THE PEACE CORPS STATIONED IN DAKAR, REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL." WE ARE NOT AWARE OF RELEVANCE OF THIS NEW DEFENSE ALLEGATION, HOWEVER, ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. USG INTENDS TO OPPOSE THE ORDER TO PERMIT DEFENSE DEPOSITIONS IN SENEGAL ON GROUNDS THAT ALL WITNESSES PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED COULD BE BROUGHT TO U.S. FOR PURPOSE OF GIVING TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE. AUSA DE PETRIS IS REQUESTING COURT TO ALLOW HIM A FEW DAYS TO PREPARE ARGUMENT AGAINST DEFENSE MOTION AND HOPES TO BE HEARD BY COURT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17. ANY INFORMATION OR VIEWS EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON THESE MATTERS WILL BE APPRECIATED. DEPT WILL KEEP EMBASSY FULLY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

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